



Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

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Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 063

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the school nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Friday, August 15, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, September 5, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries

8/2 lb.

11,088 cases

No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Destinations with split shipments that are unspecified on the invitation are indicated by a single asterisk (*).

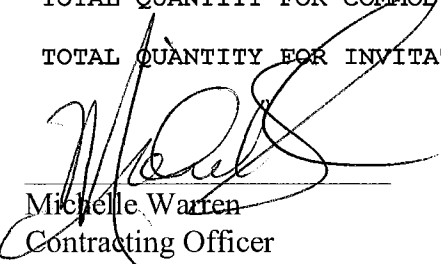
Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
 INVITATION : 063
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08					
001	POMONA	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
002	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
003	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
004	COMMERCE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	462	
	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,386	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08					
005	COAL TOWNSHIP	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	
	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	
006	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,386	
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	462	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				11,088	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				11,088	


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